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Attorney Docket No. RA-5416

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

This is responsive to the PTO communication of 2/26/2004, rejecting all claims under section 102(e) in light of a reference Amarilli, US Pat. No. 6,635,701, and finding section 112 objections to some of the claims.

If an extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore. If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3790.

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FILING OF AN AMENDMENT**

I hereby certify that this Amendment in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted to telefax number 703-872-9306.

Date: March 30, 2004

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